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In re application of: : James B. Pritchard, et al.  
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM AGAINST COMPUTER VIRUSES  
AND UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS  
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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend it as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 10, lines 6-8:

a' FIGURES 1A and 1B illustrate a high level block diagram of an advantageous embodiment  
of the present invention for protecting a host computer system from computer viruses and  
unauthorized access;